

REMARKS

Status of the Application

In the Office Action, claims 1-13 were rejected, and claim 14 was withdrawn from consideration. In the present Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended and claim 14 has been cancelled so that claims 1-13 are pending.

Claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended to correct non-substantive grammatical errors. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience that these grammatical errors may have caused the Examiner.

Claim 1 has also been amended to further define the elements of the element-oxygen network of component B by adding silicon and zinc to the list of elements from which the elements of the element-oxygen network can be selected. Support for this amendment can be found at page 5, lines 11-18. In addition, Applicants have further defined their invention by replacing the "comprising" term of claim 1 with "consisting of", adding a wherein clause indicating that the coating composition is applied and cured, and adding a whereby clause indicating that the specific coating composition as claimed can be removed by laser irradiation. Support for these amendments can be found at page 1, lines 6-8, page 2, lines 23-29, page 8, lines 16-19, and page 10, lines 1-3 and lines 17-25. No new matter is added.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner asserts that a restriction to one of the following inventions is required 35 U.S.C 121:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to composition, method and coated conductor, classified in class 428, subclass 379.
- II. Claim 14, drawn to a process for removing selected portions of the coating, classified in class various classes, subclass various subclasses.

The Examiner further asserts that during a telephone conversation with Mr. Fricke, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-13. Applicants hereby affirm the election to prosecute Group I, claims 1-13.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102(b)

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by PCT Publication No. WO 00/54286 (hereinafter '286). The Examiner asserts that '286 "teaches in the abstract a coating composition of the type contemplated by applicants comprising 0 to 90 wt.% binder, 1 to 60 wt.% of one or more particles having an element bound network, and 0 to 95 wt. % of one or more conventional additives." As a result, the Examiner concludes that "the teachings in the publication anticipate the invention as claimed in claims 1-13."

Applicants, however, have further defined their invention by changing the "comprising" term used in claim 1 to "consisting of". In addition, Applicants have also further defined their invention by a) adding a wherein clause to indicate that the coating composition is applied and cured, and b) adding a whereby clause to indicate that the specific coating composition as claimed can be removed by laser irradiation.

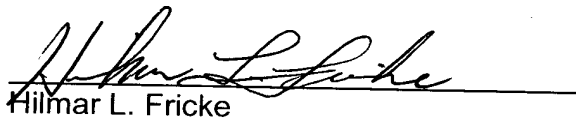
As '286 does not teach or suggest the laser irradiation limitation inserted by Applicants into claim 1, '286 fails to disclose all of the limitations of claims 1-13 and therefore does not anticipate claims 1-13 of Applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

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Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. In order to expedite disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below to resolve any remaining issues. Should there be a fee due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully submitted,



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